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SUBJECT: MBFR DATA - BERLIN GARRISONS

REFS: (A) STATE 110118, (B) BONN 8105, (C) VIENNA 4648

1. DURING MAY 29 CONVERSATION, EMBOFF INFORMED DISARMAMENT COMMISSIONER ROTH OF U.S. POSITION ON INCLUSION OF WESTERN PERSONNEL IN BERLIN, USING ARGUMENTATION IN PARA 3 OF DEPT GUIDANCE CABLE. EMBOFF EMPHASIZED THAT INCLUSION OF BERLIN FORCES FOR DATA PURPOSES IN NO WAY IMPLIED REDUCTION OF SUCH FORCES OR ANY RESTRICTION OR CHANGE OF STATUS OF WESTERN RIGHTS IN BERLIN.

2. ROTH SAID IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THE THREE ALLIED POWERS PLUS THE FRG REACH A COMMON POSITION ON DATA FOR WESTERN

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FORCES IN BERLIN AND ON HOW TO DEAL WITH THE QUESTION

POLITICALLY IF IT ARISES AT THE MBFR NEGOTIATIONS. IN ROTH'S VIEW, IT WOULD BE IMPRUDENT TO SEEK TO ESCAPE THE ISSUE VIA SILENCE AT VIENNA AND BY HOPING SOVIETS WILL NOT RAISE IT. HE NOTED THE PATENT SOVIET SKEPTICISM REGARDING THE INCLUSION OF FRENCH FORCES IN GERMANY WITHIN THE 777,000 NATO GROUND FORCE FIGURE.

3. ROTH SAID HE HAD DISCUSSED THE QUESTION OF FRENCH FORCES IN BERLIN ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO WITH FRENCH DCM MORIZET. UNDER INSTRUCTIONS, MORIZET DENIED THAT FRENCH FORCES IN BERLIN WERE INCLUDED AND RECALLED FOR ROTH THAT PRESENCE OF FRENCH FORCES IN GERMANY WAS BASED ON BILATERAL FRANCO-GERMAN AGREEMENT.

4. ROTH SAID HE HAD SUGGESTED TO BLECH THAT THE BONN GROUP TAKE UP THE BERLIN ASPECTS OF MBFR BUT BLECH HAD SO FAR AVOIDED THE ISSUE. ACCORDINGLY, ROTH HAS INSTRUCTED GERMAN NATO AMBASSADOR KRAPF TO APPROACH THE U.S., UK AND FRENCH NATO PERM REPS WITH THE INTENTION OF DISCUSSING A COMMON POSITION OF THE FRG AND THREE POWERS. ROTH'S INSTRUCTIONS LIMIT KRAPF'S DEMARCHE TO THE THREE WESTERN POWERS.

5. COMMENT - ROTH PLACED EMPHASIS ON NEED FOR COMMON POSITION OF FRG AND THREE ALLIED POWERS. TO EMBOFF'S QUESTION, HE SAID U.S. POSITION IN DEPT REFTEL WAS NOT OBJECTIONABLE IN PRINCIPLE. KEY THING IS TO REACH COMMON POSITION. ROTH MADE CLEAR, HOWEVER, THAT EXCLUDING ALL WESTERN FORCES IN BERLIN FROM MBFR DATA WOULD AMOUNT TO A COMMON POSITION WHILE ALSO STRENGTHENING BARRICADES AGAINST POSSIBLE SOVIET DEMANDS FOR REDUCTIONS IN BERLIN GARRISONS - A LONGSTANDING SOVIET GOAL. EMBOFF NOTED THAT, ACCORDING TO ANNEX A OF MBFR WORKING GROUP DATA REPORT (USNATO 2695), FRENCH AS WELL AS U.S. AND UK GROUND FORCES IN BERLIN WERE INCLUDED IN ALLIED DATA FIGURE OF 798,000.  
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